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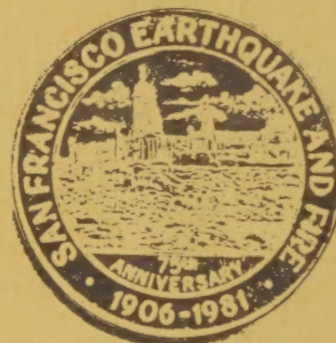
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THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

NCNA's 1981 20th Anniversary Coin Show is now history.

Looking back over these twenty years, it has been quite an achievement for this organization to have developed within just a few short years a national reputation for its Coin Show.

The traditional indicator of the success and quality of any coin show or convention, no matter what its size, is the Bourse. This simple judgement is a common attitude in our hobby. It does have validity in that at any coin show or convention the activity and highlight seems to be in coin dealing and at the Bourse.

Last August, I attended the 1981 National Model Railroad Association Convention in San Mateo where the predominance of activity and emphasis was in workshops, programs, and tours. Whereas at any coin show or convention, the Bourse usually comes out on top.

Of course, my reelection is weak in that I have not been to many coin shows or conventions, and as with many others in our hobby, by hearsay and talk, I have learned that 'Bourse is the measure of success'.

This opinion is open to debate, and some do feel the emphasis should not be on the Bourse or the coin dealers. I will not debate the pro or cons of this argument, but will state that one of NCNA's strongest and nationally recognized asset is its Coin Show's Bourse which, no matter what your opinion, is one solid indicator of a successful and quality coin show or convention.

What is now needed is simply to establish what are the other indicators.

Changing the subject, this Third Issue will be the last for 1981; thus, with the year-ending Holiday Season upon us within a few weeks, to all NCNA members, all northern California coin clubs, and all who may read NCNA Heads and Tales, I wish my most sincere blessings for this Holiday Season and 1982.

This time of year is traditional for joy, fellowship, and hope. It is fitting and good that in a world with so much pain and suffering some time does occur for mankind's better virtues.

I encourage all in our hobby to make an effort: to bring happiness to another, to make a new friend, and to renew one's own faith. Let the goodness and festivity of this Season warm your heart, and let your heart in turn warm the hearts of others the entire year.

Our lives are but short seconds on the clock of time. The one enduring monument left by any man or woman is to give something, some-

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS NCNA News and Happenings

NCNA Annual Jack Tar Coin Show

As I have reported before, each September NCNA holds its annual and nationally famous Coin Show in the Jack Tar Hotel, Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco, California.

Because of its location, itself a San Francisco landmark, this Coin Show has become know to some as the 'Jack Tar Coin Show'. Needless to say, most NCNA members know that the Jack Tar Hotel has nothing to do with our NCNA Coin Show other than its location for which NCNA pays substantial rent. So, calling it the 'Jack Tar Coin Show' could be incorrect, but it is also a good publicity phrase.

The dates for the NCNA Coin Show are:

September 16-19, 1982  
September 22-25, 1983  
September 20-23, 1984

NCNA Board of Directors Meetings

All NCNA member coin clubs are invited to send a club delegate to each quarterly NCNA Board of Directors Meetings. The last Meeting for 1981 will be on November 29, 1981, Sunday, at 1:30 PM, in the Jack Tar Hotel. Check at the Registration Desk for room location.

NCNA Membership

Most NCNA Heads and Tales readers are, I am sure, NCNA members. But, if not or if you know someone not a member, consider joining NCNA. Your immediate benefit would be a subscription to NCNA Heads and Tales and access to the NCNA Library as was reported in the Second Issue.

Dues are only \$2.00 per year for Individual Membership and \$3.00 per year of Club Membership. By any standard, NCNA dues are a bargain.

Send your dues with name and address plus Zip code to: "Edward Sins, NCNA Treasurer, PO Box 5075, San Jose, California, 95150".

NCNA Coin Show Schedule

A service provided by NCNA over many years is its semi-annual 'Coin Show Schedule'. The current Fall, 1981 listing is enclosed with this issue.

As can be seen, this 'Coin Show Schedule' is a very helpful aid to any active coin collectors as well as coin dealers. In addition, to coin



clubs, it is a good means of knowing when other coin clubs have scheduled theirs.

I strongly encourage interested coin clubs send promptly their coin show information. Refer to the lead paragraph on the 'Coin Show Schedule' as to what is requested.

I also suggest that interested coin clubs write directly to Edward Sins at least six to twelve months in advance of their coin show date. A new Schedule is printed about each January and August.

#### NCNA Heads and Tales Address

As many may already know, our United States Postal Service is adopting for certain mailing address a 'Zip Plus 4' system.

This publication, since it has a post office box number, has a special new nine digit Zip code. It is: "94590-0410". Use it as you choose.

#### NCNA Heads and Tales Numbering

In addition to the standard periodical system of volume, id est, number of years, and number, id est, issues per each year, I am also arbitrarily calling each issue of NCNA Heads and Tales in numerical order: Third Issue (this one), Fourth Issue, Fifth Issue, Tenth Issue, Twenty-First Issue, and so on.

This could be helpful as the years go by when referring back: "It was in the Seventeenth Issue." or "Check the One Hundred Tenth Issue."

Something nice, but maybe not that important.

#### NCNA Heads and Tales Coin Club Announcements

I will gladly report on any northern California coin club's activities or events like new officers or, more importantly, coin show.

Please send particulars, typed or neatly written, with facts briefly reported directly to NCNA Heads and Tales, and I will an effort to print it.

Lengthy news releases, needless to say, may have to be shorten. Names of officers or members receiving special awards or honors are encouraged and preferred.

Coin show facts send well in advance of date (six months to a year). Include date, time, title, club name, and location (building) with exact address. Also telephone number with area code for contacting for additional information could be helpful.



### NCNA Medal

At the time of this Third Issue, there are still available NCNA 20th Anniversary Medals in both silver and bronze. These Medals also commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire.

While the remaining supply of both medals lasts, orders can be sent to: "Edward Sins, NCNA Treasurer, PO Box 5075, San Jose, California, 95150". Please include payment in full--NO COD or Credit--plus your full name and correct full address with Zip code.

Silver medals are sold at \$20.00 each with the price including postage and handling. There are only a limited number left which are not serial numbered. The bronze medals are sold at \$2.00 each with the price including postage and handling.

In addition, there also may still be available a very few 1976 silver medals which commemorated the dual 200th Anniversary of both the City of San Francisco and the United States. This medal's reverse design shows both Independence Hall and the Mission Dolores. Persons interested in these medals should write directly to Edward Sins and inquiry as to their availability and price.

### NCNA Coin Club List

The current issue of the 'Coin Club List' is enclosed with this Issue. O. L. Wallis, who is in charge of this regularly issued NCNA service, writes:

"NCNA had just issued its Fifth Edition of the 'Coin Club List'. It includes information relating to the meeting times and places, the dues, and the mailing addresses for numismatic organizations in northern California. The 'Coin Club List' is published to provide you with information that will encourage you to join a coin club and to visit other coin clubs.

"It is intended that the 'Coin Club List' shall be widely distributed at coin club meetings and coin shows and through coin shops. We recognize that it does not contain a complete listing of the numismatic groups in northern California, although it is our desire that each coin club be represented. Information included is based upon the latest data available to NCNA.

"You are urged to send additional information, changes and corrections, and requests for additional copies to: "O. L. Wallis, 58 Tan Oak Circle, San Rafael, California, 94903"."

All NCNA member coin clubs are strongly urged to keep Mr. Wallis posted as to the latest particulars. The same goes for non-member coin clubs.



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NCNA 1981 Coin Show Exhibit Winners

The following are the Exhibit winners at this year's NCNA Coin Show:

Best of Show

O. L. Wallis--"President Reagan's Inaugural Medals"

First Place

Victor Titoff--"Medals of Empress Catherine the Great"

Raisa Titoff--"Medals from the Reign of Peter the Great"

J. Alan Gilbert--"Cobs and Treasure Coins"

Second Place

Rose Huntington--"Spain-Cobs-1400-1600"

George Tyson--"Capped Half-Dimes 1829-1837"

William Henry--"The Heraldic Shield in U.S. Coinage"

Third Place

Harry Smith--"Type Coins of the Carson City Mint"

Edward Sins--"Treasure of the Spanish Main"

Kevin Hall--"Franklin Halves 1948-1963"

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POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: News and Happenings

Globe Coin Traders Association

"Is an organization of collectors whose interests and hobbies are collecting coins and information about them from countries other than their own. Our members trade, buy, and sell among themselves with trading being the most important item".--from GCTA application

Their Editor and President is Nate Shulman. He has placed NCNA Heads and Tales on the GCTA monthly newsletter mailing list. In reading his newsletter, I gathered this Association has active members in some thirty-three nations.

NCNAers interested in such an organization which has members in many countries ready to trade or sell coins should contact:



The Original Globe Coin Traders Association (GCTA)  
Nate Shulman  
3941 Pacific Blvd.  
San Mateo, California 94403  
United States

Dues are only \$5.00 per year, and members are asked to answer all correspondence from other members.

I thank Mr. Shulman for including NCNA Heads and Tales in GCTA's mailings, and I invite NCNAers to write to him and learn more about GCTA.

### Bureau of Mines Films

Recently, I received a brochure reviewing their film, "Silver", which is one of their most popular films. Other films deal with mineralogical and geological subjects.

The film, "Silver", has been updated and revised into a new version.

The Bureau states a new film listing will be available soon. Their address is:

Motion Pictures  
Bureau of Mines  
Department of the Interior  
4800 Forbes Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

These films from the Bureau of Mines are 16mm sound color films which require a 'school type projector' and are best shown with a large screen, not a home movie type.

### NUMIA LAUGHS: Stories and Jokes

Last May, I attended the Fairfield Coin Club's annual Potluck Dinner where I met FCC member, Floyd Hicks, Jr., who presented his business card, actually his father's. I thought it a most unique card:

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Used Cars-Land-Whiskey-Manure-Nails  
Fly Swatters-Racing Forms-Bongos  
Barren Land Leased to Duck Hunters

FLOYD HICKS

Wars Fought  
Revolutions Started  
Assassinations Plotted  
Governments Run  
Uprisings Quelled  
Mexican Divorces  
Quality Counterfeiting  
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Gas  
Bars Emptied  
Computers Verified  
Orgies Organized  
Parties Crashed  
Tigers Tamed  
Wires Tapped  
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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these northern California Coin Clubs:

Gateway Coin Club  
Liberty Numismatic Society  
Redwood Empire Coin Club  
Peninsula Coin Club  
California State Numismatic Association  
Fairfield Coin Club  
Vallejo Numismatic Society  
San Francisco Coin Club  
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society  
Fremont Coin Club  
Delta Coin Club  
San Jose Coin Club  
Diablo Numismatic Society  
Bakersfield Coin Club  
Santa Cruz Coin Club

Gateway Coin Club Has announced its 1982 Coin Show date: May 15th and 16th for their annual two day Coin Show. The Club held its annual picnic on July 16th at Lake Yosemite Recreation Area. BILL JONES, club President, RON LUND, LARRY WILLIAMS, and JERE LEFEVER were the major hardworking picnic helpers. At the August 6th meeting, the old favorite, Bingo, was played with coins as the prizes. GCC has been having some large auctions at its meetings: at the July 2nd meeting there were 100 lots and at the September 3rd meeting there were over 50 lots. The speaker at the September 3rd meeting was PHIL BRADLEY on "The Money Market", an excellent and provocative topic. The GCC also sponsored an all day trip for interested club members to the NCNA Coin Show at the Jack Tar Hotel. That support and interest is appreciated by NCNA.

Liberty Numismatic Society Has had several good speakers these past few months: June 2nd, TED PECK on "Gold and Silver", July 7th, MARIAN SINTON on "Animals on Coins", and September 1st, CURTIS J. DEGLER on "Underwater Photography". The August 4th meeting was "Other Hobbies" which had twelve members presenting exhibits. The LNS Bulletin has jokes and cartoons at the bottom of the first page of each monthly issue. In the August issue, a good-looking young female is asking her rich, old sugar-daddy, "Of course, I love your hobby--coin collecting is still making a fabulous profit, isn't it?" In the July issue, an Anthony Dollar is lecturing an Ike Dollar: "I'm going with you to the coin club and that's final". These jokes and cartoons are always a good laugh, and numismatics should have some fun.

Redwood Empire Coin Club Wishes to remind everyone that their 1982 Coin Show will be on November 22nd at the Veteran's Memorial



Building, 1094 Petaluma Blvd., South, Petaluma, California. OZZIE STOUT is in charge of this RECC 14th Annual Coin Show. The RECC had its regular six months' raffle with the price being a one year subscription to Coin World which was won by HELEN ROBERTS. LOUIS CHARLIER has become the club's Historian. WALTER GERTH exhibited Russian Plate Money at the August 12th meeting.

Peninsula Coin Club Has a theme for each meeting: August 17th it was Tokens and September 21st it was Anthony Dollars. In each PCC newsletter, there are Quiz Questions on World and United States Coins with answers given in the following month's issue. The September Quiz was "Who is J. Snowden and what is his contribution to U.S. coinage?" I will give the answer in NCNA Heads and Tales Fourth Issue. PCC's big event this Fall is its November 8th annual Coin Show at the Hyatt Palo Alto, 9290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California. FRED G. VAN DEN HAAK is charge of exhibits. Interested exhibitors can reach him at: PO Box 11484, Palo Alto, California, 94306. Good luck to the PCC on its Coin Show.

Fairfield Coin Club Showed the Bureau of Mines' film "Silver" at its July 22nd meeting, and the film "Copper" had been shown at the June 22nd meeting. JAN HENKE, FCC secretary, reported that he received his 1981 Proof Sets on June 30th.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Has its Fall programs already planned. It began with club member, FLOYD BECKER, speaking on his major interest, "Amateur Radio", at the September 3rd meeting. Next was the October 7th "Swap Night". At the November 4th meeting, there will be the slide program "Ships & Boats on Modern Coins". December 11th is the date for the VNS' annual and famous Christmas Dinner and Party. Club Secretary and great chef, BETTIE DEVORE, will again cook her prized turkeys and hams. To add variety and earn some money for the Club, the VNS has added a 50/50 raffle to its meetings: the first winner was JOSEPH SCHULTZ with ticket 001, the first one sold. To honor its 10th Anniversary Coin Show next April 18, 1982, FLOYD BECKER has designed a "wooden dime".

San Francisco Coin Club Honored long-time officer and member and renowned coin collector, ROSE HUNTINGTON, with the title and office of Director Emeritus. Mrs. HUNTINGTON, who is the SFCC newsletter, Two Cents Worth, Editor, joins with this honor CAROL SNEDAKER, also a Director Emeritus, and JOHN SEARS, President Emeritus. PAUL HOLTZMAN spoke on "The Revolutionary Coins of Oaxaca" at the August 25th meeting. I attended this meeting, and Dr. HOLTZMAN gave an outstanding talk and exhibited a nearly complete collection of Oaxaca Mexican revolutionary coinage. October 17th is the date for the SFCC 21st Annual Anniversary Dinner.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Continues its educating and rewarding meeting programs: July 29th had "My Favorite Collection" with twelve exhibitors and short talks and August 26th had O. L. WALLIS, PCNS President, presented a slide program "California Missions".



September 30th was the PCNS annual fund raising "White Elephant Auction". The recent unique meeting exhibit was VICTOR TITOFF's 65 mm, 165 gram, .900 fine gold medal for the 1896 coronation of Russian Tsar, Nicholas II--there were only twelve minted!!! As I wrote in the Second Issue, you would not regret attending a PCNS meeting. Good luck to this most numismatic society.

Fremont Coin Club Had its annual Coin Show last August 16th. Exhibit winners were in the adult division: BOB KEEGAN, First, MIKE PARADISE, Second, and CARL HATFIELD, Third, and in the junior division: AARON HUSTON, First, and MIKE MITCHELL, Second. A special award was presented during this Coin Show to RON MILLER for his ten years of dedicated service to the FCC which also he helped found. The July 14th meeting was "Something Treasured". The most treasured display was RON MILLER's twelve day old son, ADAM MILLER, who joined the club. The FCC meets twice a month, and the last meeting of each month has "Show and Tell"; the August winner was ROGER LYLES. Best Wishes to the FCC.

San Jose Coin Club Held its club picnic last September 12th at Stevens Creek Park. CHARLES SINS' short article on the 1906 Earthquake and Fire was featured in the July newsletter. JIM GLOVER spoke on "Foreign Topical Coin Collecting" at the August meeting, and he has also been appointed SJCC Curator. SJCC has moved its monthly meetings to the Grange Hall in Campbell. The September meeting was the Club's traditional "Bourse Night" which allows any member to set up a table and to do business.

Delta Coin Club ERNIE HAMLET and KURT RIVERA won the traditional Egg Toss at the DCC annual June 26th picnic for the second year in a row. The DCC will hold its 17th Annual Coin Show this October 24th and 25th at Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. CHUCK LACKYARD, Club President, has a Coin Quiz at each meeting: the August winners were: RUBEN SMITH III, JUNE WILSON, KURT RIVERA, RAY HIRNING, and ELDEN ENZMINGER. Good Luck to the DCC on its October Coin Show.

Diablo Numismatic Society Reminds everyone that their 19th Annual Coin Show will be on December 6th at the Pleasant Hill Recreational Center, corner of Taylor Blvd. and Willow Pass Road, Pleasant Hill, California. The July 16th meeting featured a slide program on United States type coins. I attended this meeting and found this slide program very informative. SAM RUMPH continues his "Numi-Stats" column in the DNS newsletter: "The first one-pound treasury note in England appeared in 1914". DENNIS DANIEL, Club Secretary, is also the Editor of their newsletter, Diablo Die-Break. Though a young man, I find his writing style and material mature, informed, and appreciative. He has made the Diablo Die-Break into nationally known and award-winning publication. The DNS is blessed with his writing and editor abilities.

Bakersfield Coin Club Has sent one copy of their Bulletin. LARRY SHALLOCK gave a talk at the July meeting on "Countereit Coins".



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The August meeting was a "Switch and Swap Night" which encouraged "old fashioned horse trading and fill in a few holes in collections". Club members, PAUL and ORA STEVENSON, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary recently. Their Bulletin reports that a Tehachapi Coin Club is being formed. I hope both the BCC and the new TCC place NCNA Heads and Tales regularly on their mailing lists. Glad to hear from a neighbor coin club down the Valley.

Santa Cruz Coin Club Its President, STEVE ZELEDIC, wrote informing that the SCCC will hold its 16th Annual Coin Show on November 1st at the New Riverside Restaurant at the corner of Riverside and Barson Streets, Santa Cruz, California, from 10 AM to 6 PM. Admission is free, and Coin Show medals can be purchased at the door or by mail for \$1.50 each which also includes a ticket for drawing of either gold coins and several silver dollars. For further information, contact STEVE ZELEDIC, PO Box 991, Santa Cruz, California, 95061. Best Wishes to the SCCC on its Coin Show.

California State Numismatic Association Will hold its Semi-Annual 69th Convention on October 23th, 24th, and 25th at the Sheraton/Anaheim Hotel, 1015 West Ball Road, Anaheim, California. The theme for this three day, multi-event Coin Show and Convention is "Mission Bells of California". San Bernardino County Coin Club under President ELIZBETH WILLLEAD will be the Host Club. Convention Chairman is ALBERT K. HALL. NCNAers seeking information on this event are invited to contact O. L. WALLIS, 58 Tan Oak Circle, San Rafael, California, 94903.

To these Coin Clubs for sending their information, my thanks. I very much enjoy reading and reporting on the northern California Coin Clubs. It is always a pleasure to find about what is happening in Stockton, San Jose, Santa Rosa, or other cities.

To those Coin Clubs not sending their information, again, I ask that you place NCNA Heads and Tales regularly on your mailing lists.

To all northern California Coin Clubs, I hope eventually to visit each Club meeting and share with you the fellowship of our mutual hobby. I have already visited Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, San Francisco Coin Club, Diablo Numismatic Society, Fairfield Coin Club, and obviously Vallejo Numismatic Society, and I have invitation to two other Clubs. As time becomes available, I hope to travel to others. Also, any Club interested in a meeting program, feel free to contact me; with adequate notice, I could speak on two or three numismatic topics or possibly arrange for other qualified speakers.

Lastly, to all Coin Clubs in northern California, my most sincere Best Wishes, Hopes, and Prayers to your Club and its activities.

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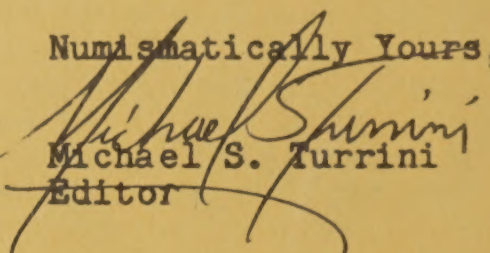
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thing as joy, fellowship, and hope, to others. Give these this Season and the entire year.

In closing, may our Creator and all the Good there exists bless and protect you and your loved ones today, tomorrow, and always.

Best Wishes and Thanks.

Numismatically Yours,

  
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